

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, February 15, 2006

PLACE: West Lafayette Board of Works Room

PRESENT: Bob Bauman Chris Pekny
David Buck Gil Satterly
John Cox Kumares Sinha
David Downey Boudewijn van Gelder
Carrie Ehresman John Walker
Bernadette Farris

VISITORS: Beth Cook Ann Hunt
Wendy Field John Moskal
Jeromy Grenard Natalie Villwock

Chairman Sinha determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order. Mr. Satterly made a motion to approve the January minutes. Mr. van Gelder seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

06-05 NPP Zone 1 Parking Addition – Jefferson Drive

There has been a request from a resident to add the south side of Jefferson Drive to the NPP Zone 1 Parking Program. This would include three properties. All three homeowners have signed the petition. Mr. Buck distributed a drawing showing that approximately nine parking spaces are available for these three properties, only six would be needed. Mr. Satterly made a motion to add the south side of Jefferson Drive to the NPP Zone 1 Parking Program. Mr. van Gelder seconded and the motion passed.

06-06 Campus Safety Taskforce

Purdue University Police Captain John Cox invited members of the Traffic Commission to attend the Campus Safety Taskforce meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 10:30 am at the Purdue University Police Department in the Terry Conference Room. He also stated that any concerns with regard to safety issues could be directed to him.

OLD BUSINESS:

05-07 Hayes and Meridian Street Parking

Ms. Cook stated that the Engineering Department was taking an inventory of parking signs and coordinating existing Zone 2 signs with new Zone 2 signs. She is hoping to have the work order complete by the end of February.

Mr. Grenard updated the Commission on the intersection of Northwestern and Meridian. Mr. Grenard forwarded a request to INDOT in January to investigate the need for a signal at this intersection. Mr. Bauman suggested that if we met the warrants for this signal, that this fact be pointed out to INDOT, in writing.

Mr. Grenard distributed an aerial photo and presented information on the one-way pair proposal for Dodge and Evergreen streets. Based on his findings, Mr. Grenard proposes that Dodge become a one-way heading east, and Evergreen become a one-way heading west. The blocks of Dodge and Evergreen, between Allen and Northwestern, would remain two-way. Mr. Grenard also recommended that a "no left turn" sign be added on Dodge at Northwestern, and that the intersections of Dodge and Allen and Dodge and Hayes remain two-way stops. These two intersections do not meet the warrants to become four-way stops.

Mrs. Ehresman asked if anyone had contacted the commercial properties that would be affected by this change. Mrs. Ehresman suggested these properties be given an opportunity to voice their opinion. Mr. Satterly made a motion to table the one-way pair proposal until commercial properties could be informed of this proposed change to Dodge and Evergreen streets. Deputy Chief Walker seconded and the one-way pair proposal was tabled until the March meeting.

05-10 Speed Studies

Ms. Cook presented a packet of information to the Commission regarding the speed study done on Vine Street. The posted speed limit on Vine Street is 25mph. Currently, there is one speed limit sign on Vine Street. Speed counts on Vine Street do not meet the warrants to add speed humps. Ms. Cook presented four options for curb and sidewalk work to reduce speeds along Vine, all of which would require funding not presently in place. Mr. Downey made a motion to add three additional speed limit signs at a distance the City Engineer recommends. Mr. Satterly seconded and the motion carried.

Deputy Chief Walker brought to the Commission the results from the enforcement period on Indian Trail. On January 19th, the police had completed 19½ hours of enforcement and had issued only 5 warnings. Deputy Chief Walker is pleased that the enforcement appears to be working. The City Engineer's office had received an e-mail regarding speeds on Indian Trail and Ms. Cook will reply with this new enforcement information. Chairman Sinha concurred that it appears the additional enforcement appears to be working, but would also like the city to investigate the possibility of adding sidewalks to this street.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Wednesday, March, 15, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,



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City Engineer

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